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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

DENNIS MANKEL,)	3:16-cv-00657-HDM-VPC
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Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER
vs.)	
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GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE)	
COMPANY,)	
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Defendant.)	
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Before the court is the defendant's motion for partial summary judgment (ECF No. 27). Plaintiff has opposed (ECF No. 37), and defendant has replied (ECF No. 42).

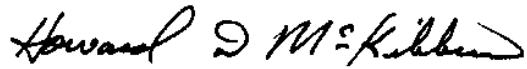
Plaintiff filed his complaint in this action in state court on June 27, 2016, asserting breach of contract and bad faith claims against his insurer, defendant, for its handling of an underinsured motorists claim. Plaintiff also seeks punitive damages. Defendant removed to this court on November 14, 2016, and now moves for summary judgment on the bad faith and punitive damages claims.

After reviewing the pleadings and evidence in this matter, the court concludes that genuine issues of material fact exist as to whether defendant reasonably handled plaintiff's claim such that

1 summary judgment on the bad faith and punitive damages claim would
2 be improper. Accordingly, defendant's motion for summary judgment
3 (ECF No. 27) is hereby **DENIED**.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 DATED: This 12th day of October, 2017.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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